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FM AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

TO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4325

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELTN, ETRD, SF

SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE RAILROAD AND PORT BOTTLENECKS REPORTEDLY  
THREATEN U.S. CHROME ORE SUPPLY

REF: JOHANNESBURG 42, CAPE TOWN 56 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: TRANSPORT MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY UNINFORMED  
REGARDING NEW YORK MEETING AND PLANS FOR MEETING IN SOUTH AFRICA.  
HE WILL BRIEF MINISTER ON LATTER'S RETURN TO CAPE TOWN TOMORROW  
AND CONTACT US REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING MEETING TO TAKE  
PLACE SUBSEQUENT TO OPENING OF PARLIAMENT JANUARY 31. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REQUESTED BY EMBASSY PRETORIA, ECON OFFICER MET JANUARY 16  
WITH F. POTGISTER, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO TRANSPORT MINISTER MULLER.  
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HE KNEW NOTHING OF MEETING HELD IN NEW YORK AND HAS NOT HEARD OF

ANY PLANS OR REQUEST FOR MEETING IN SOUTH AFRICA BUT SAID HE WOULD CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR REPORT FROM CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK, AND WOULD INFORM MINISTER MULLER OF AMERICAN COMPANIES' CONCERN AND DESIRE FOR MEETING WHEN THE MINISTER RETURNS HERE FROM LEAVE TOMORROW.

3. POTGIETER DOUBTED ANY MEETING COULD NOW BE ARRANGED BEFORE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK IN FEBRUARY DUE CURRENT TRANSFER OF GOVT OFFICES FROM PRETORIA TO CAPE TOWN AND PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING OF PARLIAMENT JANUARY 31. HE ADDED IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL HAVE PARTICIPATION OF RAILWAYS GENERAL MANAGER LOUBSER, NOW IN JOHANNESBURG BUT DUE HERE LATER.

4. POTGIETER PROMISED CONTACT US WHEN HE HAS MORE INFORMATION ON SUBJECT TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING WHICH HE THOUGHT SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN CAPE TOWN. HE AGREED EXPLAIN TO MINISTER THAT SITUATION WAS SERIOUS AND THAT AMERICAN COMPANIES' NEED TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WITH SAG AND RAILWAYS WAS URGENT.

5. FOR JOHANNESBURG. WE HAVE GIVEN POTGIETER NAMES OF INTERESTED U.S. COMPANIES. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING NAMES AND COMPANY TITLES OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO WOULD PLAN PARTICIPATE IN MEETING WITH MINISTER IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED.

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